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June 9-13
WEDA Conference

June 13
Engineer Day

June 14
Flag Day

June 15
Father's Day

Corps Holds Public Meetings in South Texas

“There is no more complicated environmental area than this,” said Dr. Terry Roberts, planner from Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as he spoke about the final Environmental Impact Statement covering the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway through the Laguna Madre. The Corps held public meetings to gather public comment on the final

EIS in both Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

For more than eight years, the Corps has worked to determine impacts of dredged material disposal methods in the hyper-saline bay. Suit was filed on the Corps of Engineers by the National Audubon Society and other environmental groups in 1994 to prevent the Galveston

District from placing dredged maintenance material in the open waters of the Laguna Madre. Col. Butch Gatlin, Galveston District commander at that time, determined that the Corps would search for the most scientific solution to the dredging actions in the section of the GIWW that

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Family, friends, and Col. Waterworth cut the ribbon at ceremony.

Mayes Honored at Wallisville

The Galveston District, US Army Corps of Engineers, opened the J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace, a new birding trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 1 at the Wallisville Project. Over 180 people were in attendance. The ribbon-cutting ceremony coincided with Texas Parks and Wildlife's Great Texas Birding Classic giving visitors an opportunity to view a variety of birds, turtles, raccoons, and the occasional alligator. The

ceremony kicked-off at 10:00 a.m. with an invocation by Rev. Wayne Hargraves. Emcee duties and introductions were by district clerk, Bobby Scherer. Commissioner Judy Edmonds spoke at the ceremony.

Speaking on behalf of the Mayes family was John Middleton, Tommy Willcox and matriarch, Tabitha Chambliss. The City of Houston, Houston Audubon Society, Trinity River

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Lile Henkel Named “Secretary of the Year” and “Woman of the Month”

May was a great month for Lile Henkel in Real Estate - not only was she chosen as Secretary of the Year on April 23 at the Administrative Professional's Day, but she was also May's SWG Federal Woman of the month.

Lile Henkel is a dedicated professional with 26 years civilian service, 11 years with the Corps of Engineers. Recently she received the SWG 2003 Administrative Professional of the Year Award. This honor is given for outstanding and exemplary performance in the administrative field. Lile reports that she is really enjoying the coveted parking place under the building that is reserved for the Administrative Profession of the Year.

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Waterworth visits with Congressmen to discuss future of projects



Ron Paul



Chris Bell

In April, Congressmen Ron Paul and Chris Bell took time from their schedule to meet with the Galveston District to discuss the future of their district's projects.

On April 23, 2003, Col. Waterworth, Herbie Maurer, Art Janeka, and Robert Sherwood met with Congressman Ron Paul.

Four key issues were discussed: the small boats harbor in Port O'Connor, Tx.; flooding on Jones Creek, Caney Creek and the San Bernard River; who should sponsor the studies and supply funds for the flooding south of Victoria, Tx.; whether or not Parkers Cut should be reopened on the west bank of Matagorda Bay.

On April 25, 2003 Col. Waterworth, Herbie Maurer, Art Janeka, and Bill Wise met with Congressman Bell, the newly elected U.S. Representative for the 25th district. Project managers

discussed the projects that fall into Congressman Bell's district to give him a general overview of the background and progress of the projects.

“I feel privileged to be able to have the opportunity to meet with the congressionals to discuss our projects,” said Col. Waterworth. “It is very important that we keep them informed of what the Corps is doing in their districts. Our projects are just as important to them and their constituents as they are to us.”



Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers



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Headquarters: Strategic Sourcing Update

I know that many of you are concerned about the strategic sourcing program currently underway in the Corps, and the impact the Army Third Wave and the President's Management Agenda will have on your jobs and organizations. To satisfy the requirements issued through the Office of Management and Budget, we must begin to review and compete a number of functions this fiscal year. We are still developing our plan and must brief the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB), the Army, and Congress before proceeding. But as soon as I can, I will share the details of our plan with you.

I am establishing a Strategic Sourcing Program Office directly reporting to the Deputy Commanding General, and I will personally stay in the loop every step of the way. The office's mission is the continued planning and implementation of our strategic sourcing initiative.

It is important for every member of the Corps to

understand that this initiative is real. As we begin our studies and compete functions, some positions may end up being contracted out. I remain committed to supporting the President's Management Agenda and the Army's Third Wave.

I am also committed to maintaining the integrity and viability of the Corps, and protecting the rights of every one of our members. I pledge that our process will be open and fair to all.

Commander's Column

I can already see this is going to be a very hot summer, not only with the outside temperature, but also with everything going on in the District. We are closing in on completion of several critical projects this summer. I have signed the permit for the Texas City Container Terminal. The Packery Channel Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) went out and we just recently signed the Project Corporation Agreement.

On May 16 we submitted the final EIS for the Bay Port permit application for public comment. We will also finished the analysis plan for Buckeye Knoll archeological site this month. That is only the tip of the iceberg!

As I have watched you work over the last 22 months, I've learned a valuable lesson. Run an open and unbiased process and let everyone participate. Galveston has done a great job of soliciting participation in the process for a long time. Team Galveston started working an ICT (inter agency coordination team) process in an effort to complete the Houston Galveston Ship Channel. The ICT brought partners and stakeholders together to solve problems and to develop common understanding and expectations. If you think about it, ICT is the precursor to PMBP, so we were doing PMBP before PMBP was cool.

An open and unbiased process is the corner stone of PMBP and we are good at it. That is why I believe we were allowed to be the first district to execute PMBP/P2. It is important for us to be successful. I believe that Team Galveston is the model of what most districts will look like in the future. Galveston is a small district but we have big contracts and are responsive to our partners and stake holders. When we successfully finish all of our training and implement the automation piece, we will be an example the Chief will use for the other 40 districts to follow.

Last week I had the pleasure of making comments at the opening of the J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace. For you who haven't seen the trace, we have developed over six miles of trails in our Wallisville project. These trails go through some of the most pristine areas that I have seen. The wetland areas are full of wild life, and I'm not talking the wild life you see over on Crystal Beach. I'm talking about alligators, turtles and birds of almost every imaginable size and color you can imagine. In fact, the day I went I saw two white pelicans. The birding community loves us for the new facilities but we could not have done it without their help.

I am sure you have read Lt. Gen. Flowers e-mail on Strategic Sourcing Update (please see above). Lt. Gen. Flowers is committed to keeping us informed and has given a web site to reference if we have questions. As I read his E-mail and I combine the concept of Strategic Sourcing with what I know, I am convinced that the Galveston Engineer District is the model of what all other district should look like. We are a small district of 397 federal employees with big contracts serving infrastructure and environmental requirements. There are districts that have smaller programs with more employees. You have convinced me that we are just about the right size to provide a significant value to the taxpayer. We continue doing more than is expected and doing it successfully.

Talking of doing more than is expected I would like to thank all those that took time to conduct our Cinco De Mayo celebration. What a great event. I know it took a considerable effort to pull off this first class event. I would like to thank all of you in the building who do more than is expected. My deep appreciation goes to those working weekends to complete designs or environmental impact studies. These are just a few of many examples of the extra things we do that separate us from other districts. If you don't get around to other districts, you probably wouldn't realize what a great district we have. Our district has a bright future because of your efforts. Now, let's go do great things for America.



Col. Leonard Waterworth

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Authority, and Chambers-Liberty Navigation District were also represented.

“This is a not only a wonderful day for the Corps, but for the Mayes family and all of the surrounding communities, said Col. Waterworth.

“Wallisville has so much to offer and I am so proud of what we have done here; I hope this is just the beginning of recreational activities at Wallisville.”

The J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace is an area set aside at the Wallisville Lake Project where both the casual and experienced nature observer can get as close to nature as he or she may desire. Located south of Interstate 10 on the west bank of the Trinity River in Chambers County, the JJ Mayes Wildlife Trace uses a mixture of the old and new to create a complex of roads, trails, boardwalks and picnic facilities designed to allow for a close-up view of both marsh and riparian habitats located along the river.

“It’s going to allow people to get up close with nature without tromping in the mud themselves,” Richard Long, Park Manager of Houston Project Office said.



Tommy Wilcox talks about the history of J.J. Mayes.



Project Manager Richard Tomlinson talks to a representative from the City of Houston and Texas Water Utility Board after the ceremony.



Col. Waterworth gives his remarks.

What Pat Lingo is doing for her country!

Well, I finally arrived at lovely Camp Doha. Whew, what a dump! But, all in all it’s been pretty great experience. I’ve gotten to meet a lot of great folks down here. Up until recently (more on that later) I was able to travel off the base quite a bit, driving the shooters in convoys to the refineries where our main work is just beginning, but as the General puts it, “we are in the oil business”! I’ve been to various cities in and around Iraq that I can’t begin to spell or pronounce.

Which brings us up to why I can’t drive anymore.....you see, we were on this mission to Basrah when we started having car trouble, so I pull over and the shooter (who always has a M16) and I get out to check it out. All of a sudden we started receiving sniper fire! Well, he and I started running for cover, which, as you may know, is very hard to find in a desert, and I tripped in a



Team Rio.

mine hole and tore the ligaments in my right ankle. He is now trying to pull me to safety and return fire.....ok, that was bull; however, I did tear the ligaments on a mission where I was looking at the security of a building and fell off the sidewalk, but if anyone asks, you tell the other story!

Pat Lingo
Villa Doha

On the right:
This
structure is
Pat's
sleeping
quarters.



FWP Presents - "Life is Improv!"



Federal Woman's Program (FWP) hosted Administrative Professional's Day, "The Power of Professionalism" on April 23, 2003.

Speaking at the ceremony was Mrs. Donna Howell-DePew. She is an executive coach, and entertainer, and a licensed corporate trainer for Power Connections - teaching communications, teambuilding and leadership skills for women. Howell-DePew has more than 20 years of experience in business development and project

management, which includes six years of experience in Total Quality Improvement Process (TQIP). She has competed three years of intensive four-year high-performance leadership training in the Sage Method. She holds a B.S. in Finance and lives in Houston with her family.

Howell-DePew gave a motivational speech on the rules of improvisation. Are these rules professional? Yes they are!

Be professional with your family. They are the ones who seem to take the brunt of our moods, yet they deserve it the least! What if you were to become professional with your family? It is ok to be familiar with your colleagues and family, but it is better to be curious. Knowing everything about people can become dull and humdrum. Try to find out what you don't know about an individual. What else can they do or what else can they become are good starts.

During her speech Howell-DePew asked for six volunteers for a word game. Each person said a word and the next individual added to it to form a complete sentence. They were given topics shouted out from the crowd.

The four Rules of Improv:

- § **Yes, And** - Say "yes" to what your partner says "and" build on it. By agreeing with people and saying yes to them, you are able to make them happy and can keep them laughing!
- § **Staying present** - Listen to what your partner gives you. Listen to what is being said now. When we listen, people tell us what they want, need, and when. We miss that when we zone out. It is not always about us!
- § **Being a character** - Never get on stage as yourself. We all have several different roles to play. If you are sad, frustrated, or moody, play a happy character. Think to your self, "If I were doing this in a movie, would people pay to see it?"
- § **Make everyone around you look brilliant** - Life is a team sport. There are no standouts. Putting others in the spotlight makes them happy, and makes your job easier. It is too much work to make your self shine or stand out!



Below: Donna Howell-DePew jokes with Karl Anderson, Ana Gordon, Randy Moore, Lisa Kendrick, Sandy Morrison, and David Janda during a word game.

The Power of Professionalism

Other nominees included:



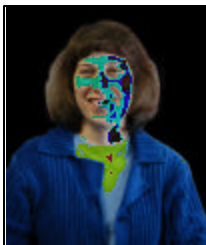
Fredalyn Colston- Ms. Colston possesses a friendly and helpful attitude. She is always ready to help and provide professional guidance to complete routine paper work and office procedures. She is assertive and is always willing to accept additional duties. Fredalyn has a good working relationship with co-workers, management and the public.

Cindy Jones- Ms. Jones is a dedicated professional. She is knowledgeable and thoroughly understands the administrative processes required to keep the Engineering and Construction (EC) Division functioning in as an efficient manner as possible. She is an innovator and eagerly supports the EC Division team. She has an abundance of potential and is capable of accepting more responsibility.



Demetrice Jones- Ms. Jones has provided the Regulatory Branch excellent support in meeting our mission requirements. If asked to perform a task, the task is done timely and in a very professional manner. She exhibits the knowledge and skills to perform her job, shows strong initiative in doing her work, and is a very responsible person and a great asset to the Galveston District.

Nettie Irvine - Ms. Irvine's attitude toward her job allows the other employees she works with maintain a high energy level in the office, which, in my opinion, has made the Addicks Project Office Team such a high performing unit. So much so, I consider Addicks more of a family than an office because of her.



Trina Ruse- With the transfer of the Division secretary to an overseas office, Ms. Ruse has provided all the personnel actions for PER Division. She is very skilled in this effort and is contacted by other administrative staff for advice and guidance in this area. This effort is above and beyond her responsibilities.

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Lile Henkel

After completing one year at Durham Business College in El Paso, TX, Lile's Federal career began during the Vietnam War (1959-1963) at White Sands Missile Range. A young high school graduate, she worked as a personnel clerk until she married her husband of 40 years, Darrel Henkel. They moved to Columbus, Ohio and had two children, Trina and Dwayne. Lile decided to take time off to raise her children, and for 15 years, was a stay-at-home mother. She reentered the federal workforce in 1978 when she accepted a job with the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus, OH. In the late spring of 1992, Lile transferred to Galveston and worked for the National Marine Fisheries as secretary. After only a couple of months, a job with the Galveston Corps of Engineers opened up, and Lile began



Lile with Jacqueline Adekanbi and FWP Manager, Kim Crawford

working for Engineering Division as Secretary. Two years later, she was working in Real Estate and has been their administrative support assistant for the last 9 years. She has also been a member of the Federal Women's Program since 2001.

Lile Henkel's administrative skills and hard work have made her indispensable to the Real Estate Division. When interviewed, her supervisor Richard Harrison commented that he didn't know how Real Estate could get by without her. Lile has plans of maybe retiring in two years.

Lile is very proud of all her grandchildren's academic achievements and on her off-duty time, Lile enjoys watching her three grandchildren compete in sports here in Texas and in the summer gets to watch the three in Ohio play their sports up there. She can often be found on area baseball fields and in football fields rooting for her grandchildren. She also likes decorating and antiquing.

HOOAH! Maj. Joe Hanus



Army Corps of Engineers Maj. Joe Hanus works to revive oil industry in Iraq.

Our Maj. Joe Hanus was interviewed by the *Washington Post* on May 12th on the oil efforts in Iraqi.

One of three military staffers on the 17-member team assigned to northern Iraq, Hanus told the reporter, he serves as the liaison between the mostly civilian world of the Corps and the 173rd, which provides protection and logistical support.

Barker Gets A New Visitor



The new gator at Barker.

A restless alligator made it's new home at Barker Reservoir on May 5 with the help of the Houston Police Department and the Addicks and Barker Project Office employees, Richard Long, Ken McDonald and Bill Krampe.

The 200-pound alligator, who was sitting in front of the armory was moved by 4 Houston police officers to the Corps project around 10:00 a.m. in the morning.

Richard Long said the alligator was placed in Buffalo Bayou where it runs through George Bush Park just behind the armory.

"In all likelihood, that's where he came from," Long said. "It's just that time of year. They came out of hibernation not too long ago, and they start moving around."

Galveston District Supporting U.S. Troops

Team Galveston -

I am sending you an e-mail to let you know how much it means to our soldiers to receive mail and packages from home and that all your donations are making a lot of soldiers very happy. Although we still have lots of things to send we are really running low on candy (non-melting type, M&M's are fine), snacks and pop-tarts. I've had a couple of requests for magazines and games. Some of our soldiers are in places where they do a lot of waiting and would like to have something to keep

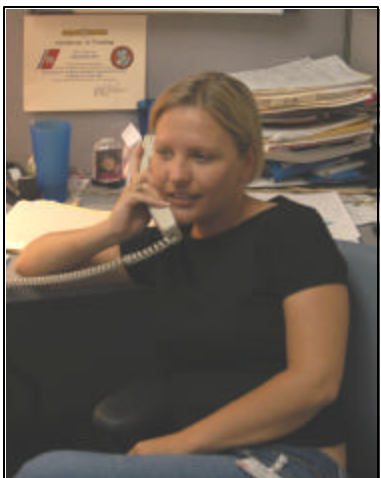
Congratulations Graduates....



Kelly ReNae Garcia, niece of Tencha Deckard, Office of Counsel, graduated from Clear Brook High School where she received an award under the Texas Scholarship Program as well as a full scholarship from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. She will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio.



Ashley S. Jones graduated from Texas A&M University, earning a bachelor of science degree in maritime administration. She is a recipient of the William Paul Ricker Memorial Scholarship, a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Public Affairs Office. She is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Norman Jones of Victoria and a 1999 graduate of Victoria High School.



Alicia Daile Rea graduated from Texas A&M University, earning a masters of science degree in Marine Resource Management. She has been asked to join a National Academic Honors Society and is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Regulatory Branch. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Rea, Galveston and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M Galveston.



Ryan Hopkins, son of Bill Hopkins, Project Operations Branch, graduated on May 29, 2003 from Ball High School with Highest Honors. Ryan was ranked fourth in his class, played Varsity Baseball, and was a recipient of the Galveston Youth Leadership Award. He plans on majoring in Engineering.



Nathan Jay Martin, son of Carol and Art Martin, Engineering, will be graduating from Santa Fe High School in May. Nathan plans to attend Alvin College in the fall. He enjoys auto mechanics and racing.



Nicanor Salinas Jr., son of Patricia Salinas, Logistics, graduated May 29, 2003 from Dickinson High School. He plans to attend College of the Mainland for his basics credits. He plans on becoming a Physical Therapist.



U.S. soldiers in Iraqi pose for the camera before unloading their truck.

them occupied while they are waiting around for the next assignment. They are still getting wounded and risking their lives in dangerous situations. So if you have time look around for magazines you may not want anymore and if you are out and about please consider help to replenish our supply of candy, pop-tarts and snack items. In addition I've attached some of the pictures I've been sent from our care package recipients! Again, thank you for all your support!
Roseanne



Leadership Development Program: What is it?

by Jayson Hudson

How many of you have ever wondered if you had what it takes to be a great leader? How many of you have thought, “I could be a better leader than that person”. It is questions like these that often motivate people to learn more about leaders and leadership skills. Simply put, a leader is the central person who guides the group toward its goal.

No single trait has been found which separates leaders from non-leaders; nonetheless, leaders usually have more drive and determination and probably a greater concentration of positive qualities than non-leaders. In fact, over 80 behaviors have been described as leadership traits, and many consider the idea of “born-leaders” as outdated. This information motivated me to identify and seek out opportunities to improve my own leadership qualities.

So last year I applied and was accepted to the 2002 class of the Galveston District Leadership Development Program (LDP). The LDP is a program geared towards leadership at all levels and is limited to personnel in the Galveston District. I am proud to be a member of the Galveston District LDP and would like to take some time to tell you about our program.

The current LDP was created in February of 2001 for the purpose of seeking out personnel

with leadership potential and to make available opportunities designed to develop that potential by providing training and developmental experiences that will prepare them for potential leadership opportunities with the Corps. If you are interested, the program will expose you to decision making, personal development, communication, and organizational skills that will be of benefit to you in other areas of life as well as at the work place.

The LDP is based on the fundamental principle that all levels of the organization benefit through the enhanced performance of employees. The LDP provides a solid base for competent and qualified future leaders and provides top executives with numerous candidates for potential assignment to supervisory and managerial positions. Other benefits to you as a member of the LDP will include building self confidence, a spirit of cooperation, and the development of competent leaders to solve the unique problems the Corps faces.

To achieve this, the LDP will help you develop your skills by utilizing a core curriculum with seven components that include: a mentor; an Individual Development Plan (IDP); formal classroom training completed in the following two areas, public speaking and decision making / critical thinking processes; shadowing assignments with senior leaders from the Galveston

District; independent study; on the job experience. and self-assessment tools.

The LDP is open to all employees of the Galveston District who have an interest in self-development and exhibit leadership potential. You must be aware that the LDP does not provide any preference in merit promotion or selection. However, it does have the potential to make you, as an LDP Alumnus, more competitive for promotion or reassignment.

Selection considerations are based on the submission of a your Statement of Interest, an Assessment of Leadership Potential by your supervisor, your performance appraisals for the past two rating periods, and your resume. These documents should demonstrate your abilities and potential to lead in the Galveston District and the Corps.

When you have completed the entire core curriculum requirements in your LDP training plan (IDP) and received graduation approval from your District mentor, you may then apply to the LDP Committee for graduation from the program.

Upon receiving graduation approval from the LDP Committee, you will become an

LDP Alumnus. The core curriculum requirements must be completed within 3-5 years of acceptance into the program.

The LDP is not unique to the Galveston District. Within SWD, the Fort Worth District and the Tulsa District have LDPs. Little Rock has a program call the Personal and Professional Enhancement Program (PPEP). And forms of the LDP can be found in other divisions such as the Nashville Districts program called Employee Achieving Greatness & Leadership Excellence (EAGLE), but a rose by any other name is still a leadership development program.

I would like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes about leadership:

“Leaders aren’t born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that’s the price we’ll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.” Vince Lombardi.

If you have any questions or are interested in applying for the program, please fell free to e-mail the LDP POC Janet Thomas Botello or me, Jayson Hudson. The Galveston District LDP will be recruiting soon, and we look forward to having you join us.

Wellness: Diabetes?

Submitted by Cynthia Burke

Diabetes mellitus is a disease that prevents your body from properly using the energy from the food you eat. Diabetes occurs:

- * When the pancreas (an organ behind your stomach) produces little insulin or no insulin at all, or

- * When the pancreas makes insulin, but the insulin made does not work as it should. This condition is called insulin resistance.

Insulin is a naturally occurring hormone that helps the body use glucose for energy.

Glucose (sugar) provides the energy your body needs for daily activities. The glucose in your bloodstream cannot go into the cells by itself. The pancreas releases a substance called insulin into the blood which serves as the helper, or the “key” that lets glucose into the cells for use as energy.

When glucose enters your cells, the level of glucose in your bloodstream decreases.

Without insulin, glucose cannot get into the body’s cells for use as energy. This increases the levels of glucose in your blood. Too much glucose in the blood is called “high blood sugar” or diabetes.

The following risk factors may increase your chance of developing diabetes: If a parent or sibling in your family has diabetes, your risk of developing diabetes is increased. The risk of diabetes is increased in Hispanics, African-Americans, Native Americans and Asians. If you are 20 percent or more over your optimal body weight, you increase the risk of developing diabetes and hypertension.

If you feel that you meet any of these characteristics, please be sure to contact your doctor.

UNION NEWS: *Results are in for AFGE Local 33*

AFGE Local 33 has elected the following to represent the local for the term 2003 to 2005.

President - Dennis Lanigan
2nd Vice President - Helene Kieslich
Chief Steward - Sandra Morrison
Treasurer - Kathy Moore

President:

In accordance with AFGE National Constitution the President shall be the executive officer of this local; he or she shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the local and see that other officers comply with the responsibilities of their office and constitutional duties; comply with the National and Standard Local Constitutions.

Treasurer:

In accordance with AFGE National Constitution the duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain a bookkeeping system.

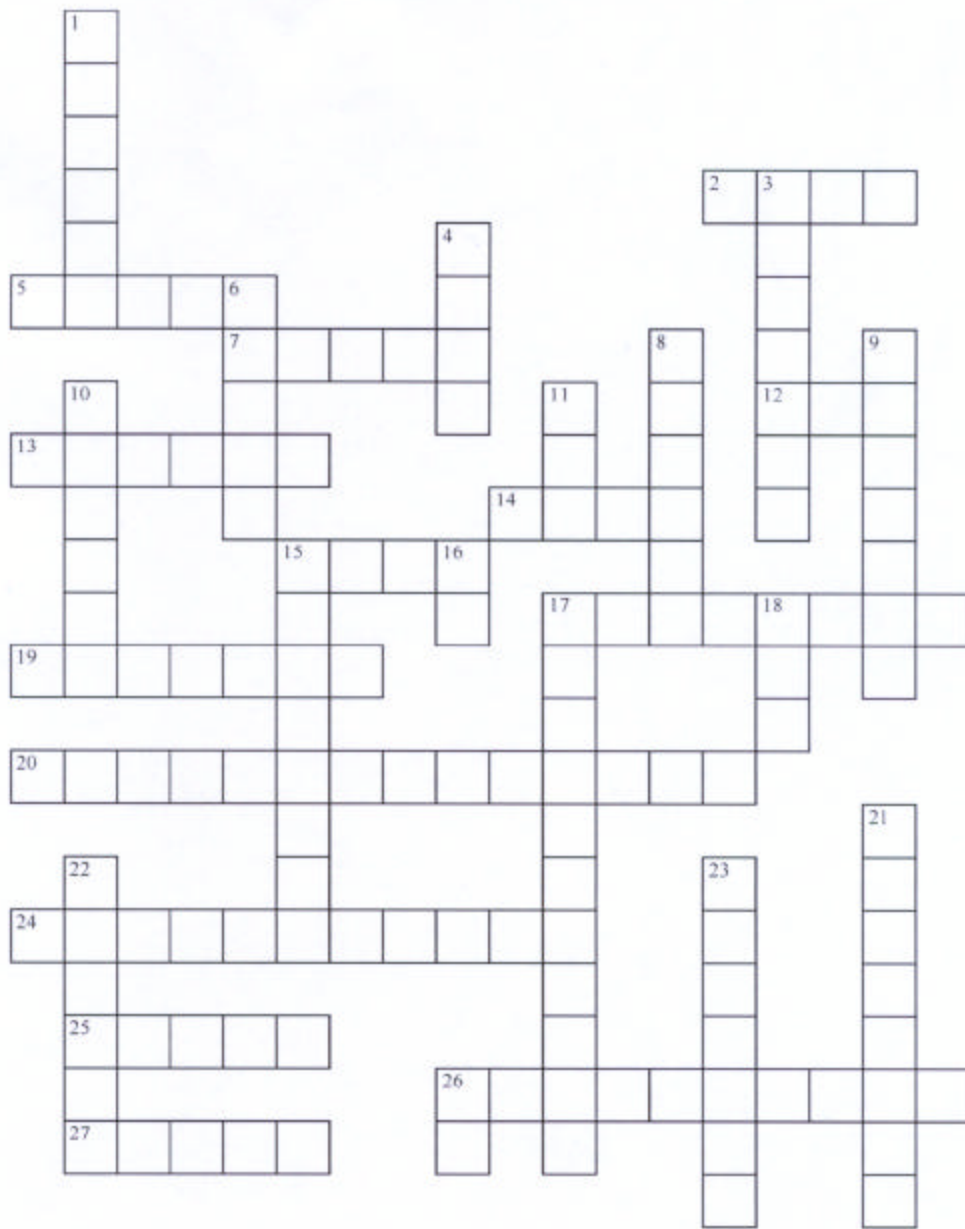
Second Vice President:

Chairs the Membership Committee, serves on the Executive Board and assists the President in the conduct of the affairs of the Local. The vice president shall plan and conduct membership campaigns, and shall keep the Executive Board and the Local informed of its plans and progress.

Chief Steward:

The Chief Steward is responsible for overall supervision and maintenance of the Steward Corps. He/she shall conduct a meeting of the Steward Corps. Chairs the Grievance Committee, serves on the Executive Board and assists the President in the conduct of the affairs of the Local.

HOOAH!



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A Letter to the Editor:

May 14, 2003

Dear Team Galveston -

WOW! This has been a busy week and the E-mail notice on the blood drive for Carolyn got by me. But I caught it tonight and can only say "TERRIFIC."

We got started with six pints, including one from OLE Ken, but I have been unable to get a count to date. I thank each and every one of our Corps family that makes this blood drive a success.

Carolyn (affectionately known as The Bear) and I are now in our seventh week following initial surgery on April 1. Surgery was to remove a portion of the pancreas and the offending cyst. All went well after four and a half hours with old Sawbones. Good news — no malignancy. Then a couple weeks later, and a brief stint at home, and we were faced with emergency surgery because of an infection and blood loss big time.

This occurred Friday, April 18 after the initial 11 units of blood was used. Blood pressure, temperature, blood sugar, red blood count, and it seemed everything went berserk. It seemed like there was a room full of MDs , surgeons, trauma specialists, nurses and technicians, all working to stabilize Carolyn, with little success for several hours. Emergency surgery began at 6 p.m. and lasted past midnight — this required another 25 units of blood and platelets for a final count of 36. Cause of the blood loss was found to be that the portal vein was losing blood and required a patch.

Four more days in Intensive Care and the Bear was moved to a private room. Now things began to happen. Blood pressure is normal again, blood sugar ranges between normal and almost normal. Organs are beginning to function as they should and blood seems to be working. At present we have blood donors from Arizona to Colorado and Texas. We are tentatively looking to go home Friday or Saturday.

Again, we thank the Lord for the skills of the UTMB surgeons, along with heartfelt thanks to each of you who made the blood drive a success. Let us hear from you, and if you are in the neighborhood, remember the coffee pot is not far away.

Ken and Carolyn Bonham
(a.k.a. The Bear)

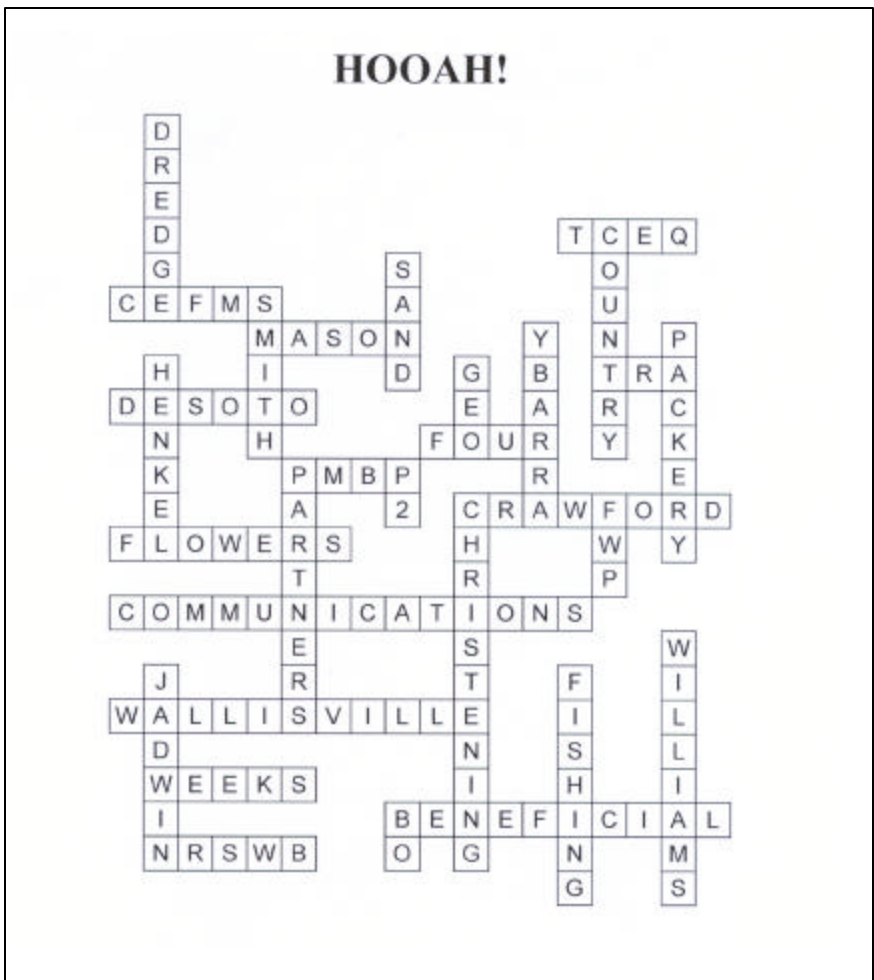
Corps Celebrates Cinco De Mayo



Galveston District celebrated Cinco de Mayo at the Jadwin Building with music, dancing, and food. Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday commemorating the Mexican victory over the French at Puebla, Mexico, in 1862.



Left: A dancer from Centro Culture de Brazoria Dance Co. in traditional dress performs for the employees during lunch. Right: Other members of the dance company pose for the camera. Marachi music was performed by Cesar and Brenda Hernandez and Carlos Zaratha.



Castle Comments

Happy MAY Birthday



Tim Baumer	May 3
Janelle Stokes	May 5
Jon Plymale	May 5
Mike Kieslich	May 7
James Fawcett	May 10
Don Nanninga	May 11
Pramod Desai	May 11
Thomas Moore	May 15
Denise Landry	May 15
Warren Dengler	May 16
Laura Robinson	May 17
Paul Norman	May 19
Stephen Moore	May 19
Johnnie Simmons	May 20
John Machol	May 21
Loretta Carnes	May 21
Bill Newcomb	May 22
Marianne Fullen	May 23
Rachel Gibson	May 25
Erik Nelson	May 27
Bob Peel	May 29

Happy Anniversary

Congrats to Cheryl and Kenny Jaynes, who celebrated 18 years of marriage on May 17, 2003.

Speechmakers

On April 10th, Sharon Tirpak gave a presentation on marine biology to Seaborne Corp.

Condolences

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Sterry family. Helen Sterry, wife of retired Lockmaster William D. Sterry from the Colorado River Locks passed away on May 6. Helen was 84 years old.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with Steve Ireland, whose father passed away May 6.

Wedding Bells



Rachel Gibson, administrative assistant at the Wallisville Lake Project, married Paul Jolly on May 10th. The service was held in Anahuac, Texas. The newlyweds took their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

Get Well Soon!

Please continue to keep Phil Coughlin and his family in your prayers. Phil is still at TIRR (Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research). Early May was a little rough. He had been uncomfortable and was in a lot of pain; pain apparently radiating from the nerves at the end of his spine. But, as of Monday, May 12, that seemed to be under control and he is back to his therapy regiment. In short, he is improving but still has a long way to go.

New IMO Chief

Col. Waterworth was proud to announce the selection of Marney Edwin Mason as the new IMO chief. Marney is currently assigned to the 1st Personnel Command in Germany, where he serves as the Chief of the Systems Division. The Galveston District anticipates Marney's arrival in June.

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serves the Ports of Corpus Christi, Port Mansfield, Harlingen, Port Isabel, and Brownsville. The section is 117 miles long.

An Interagency Coordination Team was formed and approved 35 studies and five different models in order to perform the necessary scientific studies to address the environmental concerns. A 50-year dredged material management plan was completed in October 2002 for public review and comment.

Studies addressing the area's natural resources; models of hydrodynamics, sediment transport, and seagrasses; economics; and project impacts on the Laguna Madre have cost between \$5 and \$6 million and have provided the scientific knowledge that is the basis of the EIS and DMMP.

The ICT reached several important conclusions — the Laguna Madre is too complex to allow a single dredging and placement method for long segments of the waterway and, each placement area must be considered separately for the management plan that is best suited for the hydrological, engineering and ecological parameters characterizing the site. It was also learned that to minimize impacts on the seagrasses, the best time to place material into an open water area is from November through February when the grass is dormant.

Because the Laguna Madre is a dynamic and complex system, the DMMP is intended to be a flexible document that can be

updated as warranted by future conditions. To ensure that the plan functions according to the intent of the ICT, the group will remain as an organized group and continue to meet, as needed, to review and update the dredging and disposal plans before each dredging cycle.

The notice of availability for public review of the draft EIS has now been published in the Federal Register. The public has until June 19 to offer written comments to the Corps on the final EIS.

Les Sutton of Kirby Marine said at the Brownsville meeting, "It has been an extraordinary long and expensive process, but was the best way to reach the best solution to satisfy as many parties as possible. Butch Palmer, port director of the Port of Harlingen, agreed that it has been a long process and that he was glad to see the successful end to it.

Walt Kittleberger, Lower Laguna Madre Foundation and long time opponent of open bay disposal in the Laguna, appeared not completely satisfied with the EIS, saying, "Next time you are in the Laguna Madre and see a two-barge tow lumbering down the waterway, try to envision a pipeline that can't be seen. I don't believe the EIS looked at this. Without a liquid cargo, the GIWW would not be needed." In fact, however, the EIS does look at the possibility of pipeline which was determined to be not an option.

Engineer's Day Picnic

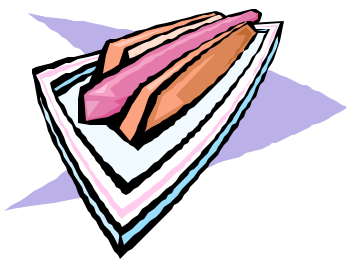
Menu

Hot Dogs & Hamburger (with all the trimmings)

Potato Salad - Cole Slaw

Beans - Chips - Cookies

Lemonade and Punch



June 13, 2003

11:30 p.m.—Until

Jadwin Building
\$7.00 person

Tickets can be purchased from:
Valerie Miller, Loretta Carnes,
Lynette Radcliffe, Vicky Crisp, Gary,
Stangeland, Helene Kieslich and
Diane Kovacevich

